

Child Abandonment
**DESERTER OF BABY GIRL
ON BUS STILL UNKNOWN**

Still unidentified by police is the person who left a day-old baby girl aboard an AC Transit No. 80 bus Wednesday.

The baby continues to thrive at Highland Hospital.

One lead proved futile as did a police ride on the Oakland-Hayward run to

question persons who regularly use the bus at that time.

The baby was found in a shopping bag by driver Howard Johnson who noticed the infant only because she moved in the bag he thought was filled with debris.

As is his custom AC Transit driver Howard Johnson went through his 80 line bus to gather up abandoned articles as he ended his Hayward-Oakland run yesterday.

Usually he finds a few papers and perhaps a child's toy that has rolled out.

This time he found a big paper shopping bag. He thought someone had aban-

doned some worthless junk rather than carry it home.

He placed the bag beside him as he drove to the garage at Seminary Ave. and San Leandro Blvd.

As he drove up to the garage, he saw the bag move.

He looked inside.

There was a baby girl.

The infant was wrapped in an open plastic bag.

Johnson, 39, of 1979 Orchard Ave., San Leandro,

said he didn't notice anyone carrying the bag.

At Highland Hospital, the baby, a day old and weighing 5 pounds, is doing well.

Police are asking help from any bus passenger who can lead to the person who abandoned the infant. The bus left 11th and Grove Streets in Oakland at 4:44 p.m. and arrived at B St. and Mission Blvd. in Hayward at 5:57 p.m. yesterday.